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### **Academic Appointments (Permanent)**

Joe R. Engle Chair in the History of Christianity and Professor of History, The Ohio State University (2012- )  
Graduate Faculty, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015- )

Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University (2004-2012)  
Adjunct Professor of Classical Studies (2008-2012)  
Adjunct Professor of History (2004-2012)  
Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (2006-2011)  
Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University (1999-2004)  
Adjunct Associate Professor of History (2002-2004)  
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University (1993-1999)

### **Academic Appointments (Visiting)**

Croghan Bicentennial Visiting Professor of Biblical and Early Christian Studies, Williams College (Autumn 2015)  
Visiting Professor of the History of Christianity, University of Chicago Divinity School (Spring 2012)  
Visiting Asst. Professor of Religion, Concordia College, Moorhead MN (1992-93)

### **Teaching and Research Areas**

Primary: Early Christianity (New Testament through 600 c.E.)  
Secondary: History of Christianity, Late Antiquity, Study of Religion

### **Education**

Ph.D., Religious Studies, Yale University, 1992  
M.A., M.Phil., Religious Studies, Yale University, 1987, 1989  
M.Div., Harvard Divinity School, 1986  
B.A., with highest distinction, English, University of Virginia, 1983

## Grants and Fellowships

(Team Project) National Endowment for the Humanities Scholarly Edition Award: Critical Edition of the *Works of Shenoute*, Andrew Crislip, Principal Investigator (2007-2010)

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship (2002-2003, Resumed 2008, 2010): Institut für Ägyptologie und Koptologie, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers (1999-2000)

American Council of Learned Societies Junior Fellowship (1999-2000)

Summer Study Tour Grant, Indiana Network for the Development of India Awareness (1999)

Indiana University Grants and Fellowships

President's Arts and Humanities Initiative Research Grant (2001-2003) (with Michael Satlow and Steven Weitzman); Summer Faculty Fellowships (1994, 1996); Overseas Conference Grant (1995)

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities (1983-1985, 1991-1992)

## Academic Honors

Profesor Honorario, Universidad Católica de Cuyo (2017)

Indiana University (1993-2012)

College of Arts and Sciences Trustees Teaching Award for Excellence (2001); Outstanding Junior Faculty (1996)

Yale University (1986-1992)

University Fellowship; H. Stewart Harrison Fellowship in Religious Studies; Enders Research Assistance Grant

Harvard University (1983-1986)

Williams Fellowship; Hopkins Trust Shareholder; John Thayer Award (1986)

University of Virginia (1979-1983)

Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Raven Society; Wagenheim Memorial Scholarship in English; Summa cum laude English departmental honors

## PUBLICATIONS

Refereed items are marked with (\*).

### Books: Monographs

*The Gnostics: Myth, Ritual, and Diversity in Early Christianity*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010 (\*).

*Choice* Outstanding Academic Title 2011.

Spanish translation: *Los Gnósticos: Mito, ritual y diversidad en el cristianismo primitivo*. Trans. Francisco J. Molina de la Torre. Biblioteca de estudios bíblicos 140. Salamanca: Ediciones Sígueme, 2013.

French translation: Forthcoming (December 2017) from Éditions Les Belles Lettres.

*Demons and the Making of the Monk: Spiritual Combat in Early Christianity*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2006 (\*).

Chapter 3 translated into French and published as "Le Gnostique. Évagre le Pontique." *Collectanea Cisterciensia* 71 (2009): 188-222.

*Athanasius and the Politics of Asceticism*. Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford: Clarendon Press; New York: Oxford University Press, 1995 (\*).

Reprinted in paper as *Athanasius and Asceticism*. Baltimore/London: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998.

### **Books: Critical Editions and/or Translations of Ancient Works**

Shenoute the Great. *Selected Discourses of Shenoute the Great: Community, Theology, and Social Conflict in Late Antique Egypt*. Translated with introductions by David Brakke and Andrew Crislip. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge University Press, 2015 (\*).

Evagrius of Pontus. *Talking Back: A Monastic Handbook for Combating Demons*. Translated with introduction by David Brakke. Cistercian Studies 229. Trappist, Ky.: Cistercian Publications; Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2009 (\*).

Pseudo-Athanasius. *On Virginity*. 2 vols. Critical edition of Syriac text, English translation, and introduction by David Brakke. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 592-593 (Scriptores Syri 232-233). Leuven: Peeters, 2002 (\*).

### **Books: Edited Volumes**

*Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity*. Co-editor with Deborah Deliyannis and Edward Watts. London: Ashgate, 2012 (\*).

*Invention, Rewriting, Usurpation: Discursive Fights over Religious Traditions in Antiquity*. Co-editor with Anders-Christian Jacobsen and Jörg Ulrich. Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity 11. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2012.

*Critique and Apologetics: Jews, Christians and Pagans in Antiquity*. Co-Editor with Anders-Christian Jacobsen and Jörg Ulrich. Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity 4. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2009.

*Beyond "Reception": Mutual Influences between Antique Religion, Judaism, and Early Christianity*. Co-Editor with Anders-Christian Jacobsen and Jörg Ulrich. Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity 1. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2006.

*Religion and the Self in Antiquity*. Co-Editor with Michael L. Satlow and Steven Weitzman. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005 (\*).

*Reading in Christian Communities: Essays on Interpretation in the Early Church.* Co-Editor with Charles A. Bobertz. Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity 14. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2002 (\*).

### **Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

“Coptic Literature.” In *Blackwell Companion to Late Antique Literature*. Ed. Scott McGill and Edward Watts. Malden, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell, in press (\*).

“Research and Publications in Egyptian Monasticism, 2012-2016.” In *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Congress of Coptic Studies, Claremont, July 25-30, 2016*. Ed. Hany Takla. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta*. Leuven: Peeters, in press.

“Holy Men and Women of the Desert.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Christian Monasticism*. Ed. Bernice M. Kaczynski and Thomas Sullivan. Oxford: Oxford University Press, in press.

“The Relationship between the Monks of Northern Egypt and the Patriarchs of the Egyptian Church.” In *Christianity and Monasticism in Northern Egypt*, 11-20. Ed. Gawdat Gabra and Hany Takla. Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press, 2017.

“Pseudonymity, Gnosis, and the Self in Gnostic Literature.” *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* 2 (2017): 194-211 (\*).

“Shenoute and the Jews.” In *Coptic Society, Literature and Religion from Late Antiquity to Modern Times: Proceedings of the Tenth International Congress of Coptic Studies, Rome, September 17th-22nd, 2012*, 945-952. Ed. P. Buzi, A. Camplani, and F. Contardi. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta* 247. Leuven: Peeters, 2016 (\*).

“Early Christian Lies and the Lying Liars Who Wrote Them: Bart Ehrman’s *Forgery and Counterforgery*.” *Journal of Religion* 96 (2016): 378-390.

“Macarius’s Quest and Ours: Literary Sources for Early Monasticism.” *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 48 (2013): 239-251.

“Reading the New Testament and Transforming the Self in Evagrius of Pontus.” In *Asceticism and Exegesis in Early Christianity: The Reception of New Testament Texts in Ancient Ascetic Discourses*, 284-299. Ed. Hans-Ulrich Weidemann. *Novum Testamentum et Orbis Antiquus/Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments* 101. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013.

“Scriptural Practices in Early Christianity: Towards a New History of the New Testament Canon.” In *Invention, Rewriting, Usurpation: Discursive Fights over Religious Traditions in Antiquity* (see above), 263-280.

“Mystery and Secrecy in the Egyptian Desert: Esotericism and Evagrius of Pontus.” In *Mystery and Secrecy in the Nag Hammadi Collection and Other Ancient Literature: Ideas and Practices*, 205-219. Ed. Christian H. Bull, Liv

Ingeborg Lied, and John D. Turner. *Nag Hammadi and Manichaeic Studies* 76. Leiden: Brill, 2011.

“A New Fragment of Athanasius’s 39th *Festal Letter*: Heresy, Apocrypha, and the Canon.” *Harvard Theological Review* 103 (2010): 47-66 (\*).

“The Body as/at the Boundary of Gnosis.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17 (2009): 195-214 (\*).

“The East (2): Egypt and Palestine.” In *Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies*, 344-363. Ed. Susan Ashbrook Harvey and David G. Hunter. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Care for the Poor, Fear of Poverty, and Love of Money: Evagrius Ponticus on the Monk’s Economic Vulnerability.” In *Wealth and Poverty in Early Christianity*, 76-87. Ed. Susan Holman. Holy Cross Studies in Patristic Theology and History. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2008.

“From Temple to Cell, From Gods to Demons: Pagan Temples in the Monastic Topography of Fourth-Century Egypt.” In *From Temple to Church: Destruction and Renewal of Local Cultic Topography in Late Antiquity*, 91-112. Ed. Johannes Hahn, Stephen Emmel, and Ulrich Gotter. *Religions in the Graeco-Roman World* 163. Leiden: Brill, 2008.

“Shenoute, Weber, and the Monastic Prophet: Ancient and Modern Articulations of Ascetic Authority.” In *Foundations of Power and Conflicts of Authority in Late-Antique Monasticism: Proceedings of the International Seminar, Turin, December 2-4, 2004*, 47-73. Ed. Alberto Camplani and Giovanni Filoramo. *Orientalia Christiana Analecta* 157. Leuven: Peeters, 2007.

“Research and Publications in Egyptian Monasticism 2000-2004.” In *Huitième congrès international d’études coptes (Paris 2004): I. Bilans et perspectives 2000-2004*, 111-126. Ed. Anne Boud’hors and Denyse Vaillancourt. *Cahiers de la Bibliothèque copte* 15. Paris: De Boccard, 2006.

“Origins and Authenticity: Studying the Reception of Greek and Roman Spiritual Traditions in Early Christian Monasticism.” In *Beyond “Reception”: Mutual Influences between Antique Religion, Judaism, and Early Christianity* (see above), 175-189.

“Self-Differentiation among Christian Groups: The Gnostics and their Opponents.” In *Origins to Constantine*, vol. 1 of *The Cambridge History of Christianity*, 245-260. Ed. Margaret M. Mitchell and Frances M. Young. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2006.

“Making Public the Monastic Life: Reading the Self in Evagrius Ponticus’ *Talking Back*.” In *Religion and the Self in Antiquity* (see above), 222-233 (\*).

“Entscheidend ist das ‘wir’, die Unterscheidung von ‘Theology’ und ‘Religious Studies’ in den USA: Chancen und Grenzen” (with J. Albert Harrill). *Evangelische Aspekte* 14 (2004): 28-32.

“The Lady Appears: Materializations of ‘Woman’ in Early Monastic Literature.” *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* 33 (2003): 387-402 (\*).

Reprinted in *The Cultural Turn in Late Ancient Studies: Asceticism, Gender, and Historiography*, 25-39. Ed. Dale B. Martin and Patricia Cox Miller. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2005.

“The Seed of Seth at the Flood: Biblical Interpretation and Gnostic Theological Reflection.” In *Reading in Christian Communities: Essays on Interpretation in the Early Church* (see above), 41-62 (\*).

“The Early Church in North America: Late Antiquity, Theory, and the History of Christianity.” *Church History* 71 (2002): 473-491 (\*).

“Ethiopian Demons: Male Sexuality, the Black-Skinned Other, and the Monastic Self.” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 10 (2001): 501-535 (\*).

“Jewish Flesh and Christian Spirit in Athanasius of Alexandria.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 9 (2001): 453-481 (\*).

“Athanasius’ *Epistula ad Epiphanium* and Liturgical Reform in Alexandria.” *Studia Patristica* 36 (2001): 482-488 (\*).

“The Making of Monastic Demonology: Three Ascetic Teachers on Withdrawal and Resistance.” *Church History* 70 (2001): 19-48 (\*).

“The Body in Early Eastern Christian Sources.” *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 37 (2000): 119-134 (\*).

“The Egyptian Afterlife of Origenism: Conflicts over Embodiment in Coptic Sermons.” *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 66 (2000): 277-293 (\*).

“Athanasius.” In *The Early Christian World*, 2.1102-27. Ed. Philip F. Esler. 2 vols. London/New York: Routledge, 2000.

“Athanasius of Alexandria, *Life of St. Antony of Egypt*” (Introduction and Abridged Translation with Annotations). In *Medieval Hagiography: An Anthology*, 1-30. Ed. Thomas Head. New York/London: Garland, 2000.

Reprinted in *Christianity in Late Antiquity, 300 – 450 C.E.: A Reader*, 368-377. Ed. Bart D. Ehrman and Andrew S. Jacobs. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.

Reprinted in *Reading the Middle Ages*, 27-34. Ed. Barbara Rosenwein. 2nd ed. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013.

“Parables and Plain Speech in the Fourth Gospel and the *Apocryphon of James*.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 7 (1999): 187-218 (\*).

“Cultural Studies. Ein neues Paradigma US-amerikanischer Exegese.” *Zeitschrift für Neues Testament* 2 (1998): 69-77 (\*).

“‘Outside the Places, Within the Truth’: Athanasius of Alexandria and the Localization of the Holy.” In *Pilgrimage and Holy Space in Late Antique Egypt*, 445-481. Ed. David Frankfurter. *Religions in the Graeco-Roman World* 134. Leiden: Brill, 1998 (\*).

“Athanasius of Alexandria and the Cult of the Holy Dead.” *Studia Patristica* 32 (1997): 12-18 (\*).

“The Problematization of Nocturnal Emissions in Early Christian Syria, Egypt, and Gaul.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 3 (1995): 419-460 (\*).

Abridged and reprinted as “The Problematization of Nocturnal Emissions in the Early Christian Church” in *Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism: A Critical Reader*, 336-354. Ed. Björn Krondorfer. London: SCM, 2009.

“Canon Formation and Social Conflict in Fourth-Century Egypt: Athanasius of Alexandria’s Thirty-Ninth *Festal Letter*.” *Harvard Theological Review* 87 (1994): 395-419 (\*).

“The Authenticity of the Ascetic Athanasiana.” *Orientalia* 63 (1994): 17-56 (\*).

“The Greek and Syriac Versions of the *Life of Antony*.” *Le Muséon* 107 (1994): 29-53 (\*).

“Homily on St. Michael Archangel Attributed to John Chrysostom.” In *Homiletica from the Pierpont Morgan Library*, 1.47-55 (text edition); 2.48-56 (translation). Ed. Leo Depuydt. 2 vols. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 524-525. Leuven: Peeters, 1991.

“Shenute: On Cleaving to Profitable Things.” *Orientalia Lovaniensia Periodica* 20 (1989): 115-141 (\*).

### **Textbooks, Video Series, Encyclopedia Entries, and Others**

*The Apocryphal Jesus*. The Great Courses. Chantilly, Va.: The Teaching Company, 2017. Video/audio series of 24 lectures.

*Gnosticism: From Nag Hammadi to the Gospel of Judas*. The Great Courses. Chantilly, Va.: The Teaching Company, 2015. Video/audio series of 24 lectures.

*Introduction to Christianity*. Co-author with Mary Jo Weaver. 4th ed. Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth/Cengage Learning, 2009.

Co-Reviser with Mary Jo Weaver and Jason Bivins. Mary Jo Weaver, *Introduction to Christianity*. 3rd ed. Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth, 1997.

“Two Popes and a Primate: The Changing Face of Global Christianity.” In *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* 6.8 (May 2013): origins.osu.edu.

“Alexander of Alexandria,” “Demetrios of Alexandria.” In *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, 298-299, 2000. Ed. Roger Bagnall et al. Oxford: Blackwell, 2013.

“Monasticism.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*. Ed. Michael Gagarin. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

“Athanasius.” In *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, 79-80. Ed. Daniel Patte. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

“Christianity in the 2nd and 3rd Centuries.” *Blackwell Religion and Theology Compass*. Ed. Margaret R. Miles (an on-line resource).

“Nag Hammadi.” In *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 6395-6399. 2nd ed. Ed. Lindsay Jones. Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2005.

“Controlling Religion: Christianity.” In *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, 575-577. Ed. Sarah Iles Johnston. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2004.

“Antony.” In *Late Antiquity: A Guide to the Postclassical World*, 304. Ed. G. W. Bowersock, Peter Brown, and Oleg Grabar. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1999.

“Athanasius” (in relation to Augustine). In *Saint Augustine through the Ages: An Encyclopedia*, 77-79. Ed. Allan Fitzgerald. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1999.

### Book Reviews

Barbara Aland, *Was Ist Gnosis?* (Mohr Siebeck, 2009), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011): 898-899.

Kurt Aland<sup>†</sup> and Hans-Udo Rosenbaum, *Repertorium der griechischen christlichen Papyri II: Kirchenväter-Papyri, Teil I: Beschreibungen* (Walter de Gruyter, 1995), in *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 34 (1997): 145-146.

Athanasius of Alexandria, et al., *The Life of Antony: The Greek Life of Antony and the Coptic Life of Antony...*, trans. Tim Vivian and Apostolos N. Athanassakis with Rowan A. Greer (Cistercian Publications, 2003), in *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 4 (2004): 247-250.

Roger Bagnall, *Egypt in Late Antiquity* (Princeton Univ. Press, 1993), in *Critical Review of Books in Religion\_7* (1994): 296-298.

John Binns, *Ascetics and Ambassadors of Christ: The Monasteries of Palestine*, 314-631 (Oxford Univ. Press, 1994), in *The American Historical Review* 101 (1996): 823-824.

Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony and Lorenzo Perrone, eds., *Between Personal and Institutional Religion: Self, Doctrine, and Practice in Late Antique Eastern Christianity* (Brepols, 2013), in *The Medieval Review* 15.06.40.

Peter Brown, *Treasure in Heaven: The Holy Poor in Early Christianity* (University of Virginia Press, 2016), in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 47 (2017): 398-399.

Virginia Burrus, *The Sex Lives of Saints: An Erotics of Ancient Hagiography* (Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 2004), in *History of Religions* 45 (2006): 270-272.

Catherine Conybeare, *Paulinus Noster: Self and Symbols in the Letters of Paulinus of Nola* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2001), in *Church History* 71 (2002): 642-643.

Hans-Joachim Cristea, *Schenute von Atripe: Contra Origenistas* (Mohr Siebeck 2011), in *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 137 (2012): 688-689.

Stephen J. Davis, *Coptic Christology in Practice* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2008), in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17 (2009): 155-156.

April D. DeConick, *The Gnostic New Age: How a Countercultural Spirituality Revolutionized Religion from Antiquity to Today* (Columbia Univ. Press, 2016), in *Journal of Religion*, in press.

- H. A. Drake, *Constantine and the Bishops: The Politics of Intolerance* (Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 2000), in *Journal of Religion* 81 (2001): 650-651.
- Ismo Dunderberg, *Beyond Gnosticism: Myth, Lifestyle, and Society in the School of Valentinus* (Columbia Univ. Press, 2008), in *Journal of Religion* 89 (2009): 404-406.
- Ismo Dunderberg, *Gnostic Morality Revisited* (Mohr Siebeck, 2015), in *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum* 20 (2016): 352-354.
- Evagrius of Pontus, *The Greek Ascetic Corpus*, trans. Robert E. Sinkewicz (Oxford Univ. Press, 2003), in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 12 (2004): 541-543.
- Christopher A. Faraone, *Ancient Greek Love Magic* (Harvard Univ. Press, 1999), in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 31 (2000): 250-251.
- Richard Wightman Fox, *Jesus in America: Personal Savior, Cultural hero, National Obsession* (HarperCollins, 2004), and Stephen Prothero, *American Jesus: How the Son of God Became a National Icon* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003), in *The American Historical Review* 110 (2005): 121-123.
- Stephen Haar, *Simon Magus: The First Gnostic?* (de Gruyter, 2003), in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 66 (2004): 321-323.
- Uta Heil, *Athanasius von Alexandrien: De Sententia Dionysii* (de Gruyter, 1999), in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 8 (2000): 464-465.
- Minna Heimola, *Christian Identity in the Gospel of Philip* (Finnish Exegetical Society, 2011), in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75 (2013): 572-573.
- Ronald E. Heine, *Origen: Scholarship in the Service of the Church* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2010), in *Journal of Religion* 93 (2013): 394-396.
- Jennifer L. Hevelone-Harper, *Disciples of the Desert: Monks, Laity, and Spiritual Authority in Sixth-Century Gaza* (Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 2005), in *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 6 (2006): 269-272.
- Thomas L. Humphries, Jr., *Ascetic Pneumatology from John Cassian to Gregory the Great* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2013), in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 66 (2015): 164-165.
- Bernadette McNary-Zak, *Useful Servanthood: A Study of Spiritual Formation in the Writings of Abba Ammonas* (Cistercian Publications, 2010), in *The Medieval Review* 11.08.1.
- J. E. Merdinger, *Rome and the African Church in the Time of Augustine* (Yale Univ. Press, 1997), in *The American Historical Review* 103 (1998): 1231.
- Birger A. Pearson, *Christianity and Gnosticism in Roman and Coptic Egypt* (T & T Clark, 2004), in *Journal of Religion* 85 (2005): 497-498.
- Jaroslav Pelikan, *Mary Through the Centuries: Her Place in the History of Culture* (Yale Univ. Press, 1996), in *Biography* 21 (1998): 210-214.
- Claudia Rapp, *Holy Bishops in Late Antiquity: The Nature of Christian Leadership in an Age of Transition* (Univ. of California Press, 2005), in *The American Historical Review* 111 (2006): 246-247.

- Éric Rebillard, *Christians and their Many Identities in Late Antiquity, North Africa, 200-450 CE* (Cornell Univ. Press, 2012), in *The American Historical Review* 119 (2014): 1752-1753.
- Antony D. Rich, *Discernment in the Desert Fathers: "Diakrisis" in the Life and Thought of Early Egyptian Monasticism* (Paternoster, 2007), in *The Way* 48 (2009): 128-129.
- Adam M. Schor, *Theodoret's People: Social Networks and Religious Conflict in Late Roman Syria* (Univ. of California Press 2011), in *Sehepunkte*, [www.sehepunkte.de/2012/03/19666.html](http://www.sehepunkte.de/2012/03/19666.html).
- Geoffrey S. Smith, *Guilt by Association: Heresy Catalogues in Early Christianity* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2015), in *Journal of Religion* 96 (2016): 425-426.
- Eric Sorensen, *Possession and Exorcism in the New Testament and Early Christianity* (Mohr/Siebeck, 2002), in *Journal of Religion* 84 (2004): 450-451.
- Christopher Stead, *Doctrine and Philosophy in Early Christianity* (Ashgate, 2000), in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 10 (2002): 395-396.
- Alistair C. Stewart, *The Gnomai of the Council of Nicaea (CC 0021): Critical text with Translation, Introduction and Commentary* (Gorgias, 2015), in *Journal of Theological Studies*, n.s. 68 (2017): 365-367.
- Columba Stewart, *Cassian the Monk* (Oxford Univ. Press, 1998), in *Church History* 68 (1999): 141-143.
- Laurens E. Tacoma, *Fragile Hierarchies: The Urban Elites of Third-Century Roman Egypt* (Brill, 2006), in *The American Historical Review* 112 (2007): 622-623.
- Einar Thomassen, ed., *Canon and Canonicity: The Formation and Use of Scripture* (Museum Tusulanum, 2010), *Numen* 58 (2011): 406-407.
- Dennis E. Trout, *Paulinus of Nola: Life, Letters, and Poems* (Univ. of California Press, 1999), in *Church History* 71 (2002): 170-171.
- John D. Turner and Ruth Majercik, eds., *Gnosticism and Later Platonism: Themes, Figures, and Texts* (Society of Biblical Literature, 2000), in *Journal of Religion* 82 (2002): 442-443.
- Roelof van den Broek, *Gnostic Religion in Antiquity* (Cambridge Univ. Press 2013), in *Journal of Religion* 97 (2017): 147-148.
- Roelof van den Broek and Cis van Heertum, eds., *From Poimandres to Jacob Böhme: Gnosis, Hermetism and Christian Tradition* (Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica, 2000), in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 10 (2002): 546-547.
- Geza Vermes, *Christian Beginnings: From Nazareth to Nicaea* (Yale Univ. Press, 2012), in *The Historian* 76 (2014): 885-886.
- Michael A. Williams, *Rethinking "Gnosticism": An Argument for Dismantling a Dubious Category* (Princeton Univ. Press, 1996), in *Church History* 67 (1998): 119-121.
- Vincent Wimbush and Richard Valantasis, eds., *Asceticism* (Oxford Univ. Press, 1995), in *Church History* 65 (1996): 786-788.
- Ewa Wipszycka, *The Alexandrian Church: People and Institutions* (Journal of Juristic Papyrology, 2015), in *Church History* 86 (2017): 198-199.

Frances Young, *Biblical Exegesis and the Formation of Christian Culture* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 1997), in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 67 (1999): 722-726.

Book Notes: *Church History* (2003, 2014), *Religious Studies Review* (2001), *Theological Studies* (2010), *Theology Today* (2002), *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (2014)

## **SELECT LECTURES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Lectures and Papers Since 2008**

Four Conferences on Early Monasticism: Demons, Evagrius, and Shenoute, New Melleray Abbey, Peosta, Iowa, June 2017.

“What Difference Does the *Gospel of Judas* Make?” II Congreso Internacional de Estudios Patrísticos: Los descubrimientos de manuscritos de la Antigüedad Tardía: su impacto en los Estudios Patrísticos y en la contemporaneidad, Universidad Católica de Cuyo, San Juan, Argentina, March 2017.

“Research and Publications in Egyptian Monasticism (2012-2016),” Eleventh International Congress of Coptic Studies, Claremont, California, July 2016.

“From Eight Demons to Seven Deadly Sins: Evil Spirits and Sin in Early Christianity,” Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Cleveland State University, April 2016.

“Shenoute the Great (347 – 465) and the Invention of Christian Literature: Making an Author,” Center for the Study of Late Antiquity, Princeton University, March 2016. Different versions presented under different titles at Shenoute and the Bible: International Conference, University of Göttingen, May 2016; Boston University and Harvard University, November 2015; Seventeenth St. Shenouda-UCLA Conference of Coptic Studies, Los Angeles, July 2015; Authorship and the Early Christian Book: A Symposium and Workshop, Williams College, October 2014.

“The Relationship between the Monks of Kellia and the Patriarchs of the Egyptian Church,” Seventh International Symposium of the St. Mark Foundation for Coptic History Studies: Christianity and Monasticism in Egypt from the North of Oxyrhynchus to the Mediterranean Sea, Dayr Mar Mena Monastery, Egypt, February 2015.

“The *Gospel of Judas*: The Beginning and End of Sethian Gnosticism,” Plenary Lecture, Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2014. Different versions presented under different titles at Textual Unities, Yale University, October 2013; Westar Institute Christianity Seminar: Is “Gnosticism” a Viable Category for Re-writing the History of Early Christianity?, San Diego, November 2014; Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, February 2015.

“The *Gospel of Judas*: Gnostic Truth and Apostolic Heresy in Early Christianity,” University of California San Diego, May 2014. Also William A. Kinnison Lecture, Wittenberg University, February 2015; Croghan Bicentennial Lecture, Williams

College, November 2015; OSU Center for the Study of Religion Community Lecture Series: Religions of the World, Past and Present, April 2016; Amherst College, October 2016.

“The First Early Christian Heretics? Why the Church Did Not Reject Gnosticism,” OSU Center for the Study of Religion Community Lecture Series: Religions of the World, Past and Present, January 2014.

“The Problem of ‘Monastic Literature,’” Late Antiquity Made New: A Celebration of the Work of Elizabeth A. Clark, Center for Late Ancient Studies, Duke University, April 2013.

“Beyond Orthodoxy vs. Heresy . . . But Not Totally: Alternative Visions of Early Christianity,” Keynote Address, Beyond Binaries: Toward a Continuum Model of Religious Normativity, Graduate Committee for the Study of Religion, University of Texas, March 2013.

“How Jesus Could Have a Wife and Still Not Be Married: Gender, Cosmology, and Salvation in Early Christianity,” Investiture Lecture, The Ohio State University, December 2012.

“Shenoute the Great (348-465): Monastic Authority and Lay Elites in Late Ancient Egypt,” Plenary Lecture, Translatio: Annual Conference of the Medieval and Renaissance Graduate Student Association, Ohio State University, October 2012.

“The New Testament and the Ascetic Life in Evagrius of Pontus,” Asceticism and Exegesis in Early Christianity: Recourse to New Testament Texts in Discourses about Ascetic Practices and Lifestyle, University of Siegen, October 2011.

“Why the Church Did Not Reject Gnosticism,” Blake Lecture in the History of Christianity, Virginia Commonwealth University, April 2011; Puff Memorial Lecture, Miami University of Ohio, April 2011; Center for Early Christian Studies, Catholic University of America, October 2011; Priest Lecture, Florida State University, January 2012; Weltin Lecture in Early Christianity, Washington University of St. Louis, October 2012; Beattie Lecture, School of Theology, University of the South, March 2014.

“Spiritual Combat in the Desert: Wisdom for Our Time,” Twenty-Fifth Annual Monastic Institute: Benedictine Spirituality, St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, Minn., June 2010.

“Scriptural Practices in Early Christianity: Towards a New History of the Canon,” Invention, Rewriting, Usurpation: Discursive Fights Over Religious Traditions in Antiquity, Aarhus University, May/June 2010. Presented also in revised forms to Department of Religious Studies Colloquium, Yale University, January 2011, Department of Religious Studies Colloquium, Stanford University, April 2011, and the History of Christianity Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, March 2011.

“Mad Men: Anger and Masculinity Among Doctors, Philosophers, and Monks,” Seminar in Early Christian Asceticism, University of Lund, Sweden, October 2009.

“The Original Gnostics,” University of Helsinki, October 2009.

“Contested Canons: Differing Scriptural Practices and the New Testament in Antiquity,” University of Helsinki, October 2009.

“Jews, Greeks, and Other Heresies: The Mixed-Up Religious World (and Rhetoric) of Shenoute of Atripe,” Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 2009.

“Valentinians and their Demons: Fate, Deception, and Seduction in the Quest for Virtue,” University of Texas, Austin, April 2009.

“Macarius’s Quest and Ours: Literary Sources for Early Monasticism,” Ninth International Congress of Coptic Studies, Cairo, September 2008.

### **Contributed or Competitive Papers Since 2008**

“Pseudonymity and the Layered Self in Gnostic Mysticism,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 2016.

“The Layered Self: Pseudonymity and Praise in *Three Tablets of Seth* and Other Gnostic Writings,” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2016.

“Materiality and Patristic Authorship: The Codices of Shenoute’s *Discourses*,” Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, August 2015.

“Shenoute and the Jews,” Tenth International Congress of Coptic Studies, Rome, September 2012.

“Visionary Experience and Textual Authority in the Works of Shenoute,” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2012.

“Mystery, Secrecy, and the Ladder to Contemplation of the Trinity,” Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, August 2011.

“Visits from Jesus, Angels, and Demons to the White Monastery: The Theory, Practice, and Politics of Discernment of Spirits,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2010.

“A New Fragment of Athanasius’s 39th *Festal Letter*: Heresy, Apocrypha, and the Canon,” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2008.

### **Other Events Since 2008**

Panelist, Discussion of *As It Is Written: Ancient Literary Criticism, Hellenization and the Rise of Scripture AD 100-250* by Lewis Ayres, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, November 2018.

Panelist, Discussion of *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures* by Tony Burke and Brent Landau, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, November 2017.

Respondent, "Religion and Sexuality Post-Obergefell," Center for the Study of Religion, The Ohio State University, October 2016.

Respondent, "Political Asceticism: Practices of Disobedience and Imagination," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 2015.

Respondent, "Inventing Christianity: Christianity in Egypt," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2014.

Discussant, Magic and Mysticism in Indigenous Religious Traditions: Contested Terms, Material Objects, and Charismatic Figures, Center for the Study of Religion, The Ohio State University, February/March 2013.

Panelist, Conversation on *Apophasis and Pseudonymity in Dionysius the Areopagite* by Charles Stang, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, October 2012.

Respondent, Panel Discussion of *The Gnostics: Myth, Ritual, and Diversity in Early Christianity* by David Brakke, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 2011.

Respondent, "The Material Imagination in Late Antique Christianity," Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Boston, January 2011.

Panelist, Shenoute of Atripe for Biblical Scholars and Historians: New Editions and Translations, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2010.

"Not Funny: Plants and Animals in Shenoute of Atripe," After-Dinner Talk, Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2009.

Respondent, Panel Discussion of *Demons and the Making of the Monk* by David Brakke, Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2008.

## **SELECT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

### **Professional Associations**

American Academy of Religion  
American Historical Association  
American Society of Church History  
Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques / International Association of Patristic Studies  
International Association for Coptic Studies  
North American Patristics Society  
Society of Biblical Literature

### **Select Service to Professional Associations**

American Academy of Religion:

Co-Founder and Co-Chair (1994-1997), Chair (1998-2001), Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group  
Juror, Descriptive/Analytical Category, Book Awards for Excellence (1999-2002)

American Society of Church History:  
Midwest Regional Representative and Membership Committee (1998-2001)

Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques / International Association of Patristic Studies:  
Council Delegate (USA) (2015-2019)

International Association for Coptic Studies:  
President (2016-2020), President-Elect (2012-2016)  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Coptic Studies* (2012-2020)

North American Patristics Society:  
Editor, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (2005-2015)  
Co-Editor, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (2004-2005)  
Advisory Board, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (2004)  
Associate Editor, Christianity in Late Antiquity Monograph Series (2017- )  
Member-at-Large, Board of Directors (2000-2002)

Society of Biblical Literature:  
Founder and Chair, Religion in Roman Egypt Consultation (2004-2006)  
Steering Committee, Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section (2009-2011)

Council on Graduate Studies in Religion (2000-2002, 2003-2005):  
Membership and Standards Committee (2003-2005)

### **Select Service to the OSU Department of History**

Promotion and Tenure Subcommittee: Chair (2014-2015, 2017-2018), Member (2012-2013, 2013-2014, Spring 2016, 2016-2017)

Chair's Advisory Committee: Elected Member (2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2016-2017)

Subcommittees: Salary and Review (2013-2014), Workplace Climate (2014-2015, 2016-2017)

Chair, Self-Study Committee, Academic Program Review (2015-2016)

### **Select Service to Ohio State University**

Center for the Study of Religion  
Associate Director (Spring 2014, 2014-2015)  
Oversight Committee (2013-2014, 2016-2017)

University General Education Review Coordinating Committee (2017- )

Screening Committee, Search for Divisional Dean of Arts and Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences (2015)

### **Select Service to the IU Department of Religious Studies**

Department Chair (2006-2011)

Director of Graduate Studies (2000-2002, 2003-2005)

Graduate Studies Committee (1994-1995, 1997-1999, 2005-2006)

Salary and Review Committee (1996-1997)

Search Committees (Chair): American Religious History (2005-2006), South Asian Buddhism (2006-2007)

Search Committees (Member): Religious Ethics (1996), Rabbinic Judaism (1998-1999), Modern Western Religious Thought (2003-2004)

Undergraduate Studies Committee (1993-1994, 1995)

### **Service to Indiana University**

Campus General Education Committee and Arts and Humanities Subcommittee (2008-2011)

Mini-University Instructor (Summer 2010)

Wells Scholars Program: read applications, interview finalists (1997-2001); resource person for freshman retreat (1997-2001)

Medieval Studies Institute Executive Committee (1993-1995, 2000-2001)

College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Task Force on General Education Requirements (2007-08)

External Review Committee for American Studies Program (2009)

Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of Indiana Chapter: President (2006-2007), Vice President (2005-06), Official Delegate to Triennial Council in Atlanta (2006)

Department of Classical Studies (adjunct 2007-2012):  
Pratt Fellowships Selection Committee (2005)

Faculty Consultant, *The American Historical Review* (2000-2005)

### **Other Select Professional Service Activities**

Board of Consultants, *Journal of Religion* (2014-2019)

Editorial Board and Area Editor for Monasticism, *Claremont Coptic Encyclopedia* (2015 - )

Academic Committee, II Congreso Internacional de Estudios Patrísticos: Los descubrimientos de manuscritos de la Antigüedad Tardía: su impacto en los Estudios Patrísticos y en la contemporaneidad, Universidad Católica de Cuyo, San Juan, Argentina, March 2017

External Review Committees:

Department of Religious Studies, Brown University (Chair) (2012)  
Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2013)  
Department of Religious Studies, University of Oregon (2016)  
Department of History, University of Michigan (2016)

Co-Editor, *Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity* (Book Series), Aarhus University and Peter Lang Press (2005-2015)

Co-Organizer, *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity VIII: Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity*, Indiana University (April 2009)

Review Panel for Research Fellowships in Religion, National Endowment for the Humanities (2004)

Ph.D. dissertation external reader:

Yale University (1998, 2002, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2016), University of Oslo (2002), University of Bergen (2011), University of Toronto (2011)

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

### **Doctoral Dissertations Directed (Indiana University)**

Ellen Muehlberger, “Angels in the Religious Imagination of Late Antiquity” (2008)  
(Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies and History, University of Michigan)

Bradley K. Storin, “The Letters of Gregory of Nazianzus: Discourse and Community in Late Antique Epistolary Culture” (2012)  
(Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Louisiana State University)

Diane Fruchtman, “Living in a Martyrial World: Living Martyrs and the Creation of Martyrial Consciousness in the Late Antique Latin West” (2014)  
(Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Rutgers University)

David Maldonado Rivera, “Encyclopedic Trends and the Making of Heresy in Late Ancient Christianity” (2017)  
(Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Kenyon College)

Brian Alt, “Theurgy as Demiurgy: Numbers, Names, and Sex in Late Ancient Ritual” (in progress)

Tola Rodrick, “Beginning the Philosophical Life: The Earliest Stages of Monastic Training in Late Ancient Egypt” (in progress)

### **Doctoral Dissertations Directed (The Ohio State University)**

Michael Beshay, “The Cult of Mary in Egypt: A History of Ritual and Devotion to the Mother of God in Late Antiquity (200-800 CE)” (in progress)

Felege-Selam Yirga, “The World Chronicle of John of Nikiou” (in progress)

## **Courses Taught at The Ohio State University**

### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to the History of Christianity (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)  
Introduction to the Discipline of History (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018)  
History of Early Christianity (2012, 2013, 2015)  
Gnostics and Other Early Christian Heresies (2014)  
Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the History of Christianity (2017)  
The Age of Reformation (2014, 2017)  
Theory and Method in the Study of Religion (2018)  
Readings Seminar in Late Antiquity: Early Christian Apocrypha (2016)

### *Graduate*

Readings (2013)/Research (2016) Seminars in Ancient History: Hagiography and History  
Research Seminar in Ancient History: Sexuality and Gender (2015)

## **Courses Taught at Indiana University**

### *Undergraduate Only*

Introduction to the New Testament  
Images of Jesus in Western Culture (*aka* Jesus in Popular Culture)  
Majors Seminar in Religion: Religious Asceticism

### *Advanced Undergraduate/Graduate*

Paul and His Influence in Early Christianity  
Development of Jesus Traditions  
Christianity, 50-450  
Gnostic Religion and Literature  
Early Christian Monasticism  
Women and Gender in Ancient Christianity  
Christianity and India  
Ancient Mediterranean Religions  
Elementary Coptic  
Elementary Syriac

### *Graduate Courses and Seminars*

Colloquium in Ancient Religions: Sacrifice  
Colloquium in Ancient Religions: Mysticism  
Early Christian Asceticism and Monasticism  
Religious Asceticism  
Augustine of Hippo  
Early Christian Thought  
Advanced Readings in Syriac  
Advanced Readings in Coptic: Sahidic Monastic Literature  
Advanced Readings in Coptic: Nag Hammadi Texts